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## AGAIN THE BOOKS.

The British Blue Book, issued on the 14th instant, and to which we referred in Monday's Democrat, shows such a remarkable state of affairs now existing in South Africa, that we cannot forbear further comment, hoping that at least some feeling of pity may be roused in the hearts of our readers.

It appears from this publication that in Kitchener's concentration camps there are now gathered about 110,000 persons—most of them being women and children. The necessity for gathering these people has arisen from the fact that their homes have been burned and their farms destroyed by Kitchener's troops. The male protectors of this vast mass of suffering humanity—the husbands and fathers of these women and little ones, have either been killed in battle, or, being captured, have been deported and are now held as prisoners at Bermuda, St. Helena, India and elsewhere.

The death rate is largely in excess of our estimate of last week. For the whole number in the camps, it is about 250 per thousand, while for the children alone it reaches the frightful figure of 370 per thousand. If this mortality is continued it is asserted that the Boer nation will have ceased to exist in a little more than five years from this time.

History does not record—not on its blackest page—a more cruel or disgraceful thing. And a future age will wonder, not more at the barbarity of the policy which dooms these innocent people to their fate, than at the nations standing by unmoved at the spectacle and yet mistaking their century for one of civilization and themselves for Christians.

The British government does not claim to be able to deal with the situation so as to deprive it of its horrors; and funds are now being raised in this country to mitigate a little the sufferings which necessarily follow upon Kitchener's policy. The Governor of Illinois has issued a proclamation calling on his people to help. We wish as much could be said for Ohio. The authorities here are too much interested in the fight now going on between the two bosses—Hanna and Foraker—to see which set of camp-followers shall engross the plunder of the late history, to give ear to the cries of distressed humanity.

We repeat that no apology is due for coming back to this subject. When we see a policy being pursued, the effect of which is to wipe off the earth an entire race of brave though unoffending people, and that to hasten this result a herding together of women and children is resorted to, in order that the ravages of disease may the quicker destroy the sources of reproduction, the voice of nature in protest ought to be heard. And, to a human soul the reflection that we are citizens of a country which has the power but not the will to put an end to this brutal and brutalizing policy, by wholly peaceful means, only adds a sense of shame to that of pity.

As the approaching festive time of Christmas turns our thoughts to this boasted era of "Peace on Earth, Good will towards men," we wish it were so in truth as well as name, and that we might at least hear ascending to the most High a prayer that we may have better evidence of its reality than that afforded by English warfare in the Transvaal, supported and countenanced by the United States.

## HEY, RUBE!

We have been trying to get some of the men who are great sticklers for law and order, and who are after more law, and among these the Reverend Purley A. Baker, to take Bro. Harris, of Ashtabula county, in hand, and make him tell his relations to a certain other law, namely: "An Act to prevent Corrupt Practices at Elections," passed April 8th, 1896, by the Ohio Legislature—a body to which Harris claims to have been elected. We now call the attention of these law-and-order shriekers and especially Harris, Baker, et al., to Section six of that act which provides that "No person re-

quired by the foregoing sections of this act to file a statement or statements shall enter upon the duties of any office to which he may have been elected until he shall have filed all statements and DUPLICATES provided for by the foregoing sections of this act, nor shall he receive any salary or emolument for any period prior to the filing of the same."

When Bro. Harris enters upon the duties of his office he will, no doubt, take the oath required of him to obey the laws. We have already pointed out wherein he is himself short of law-abidingness, and we want the Rev. Baker to tutor him a little in this regard, and that he do this before he fills the pulpit of this district with his fellows at his annual opening for the contribution season, when he and they will throw in, gratis, a great deal of high and irrelevant advice about the duty of us heathen to obey the law, and as to how much the law ought to be respected, and that we should "chip in" to help pay for more law, seeing that he and Bro. Harris have exhausted the stock on hand. Here then, Rev. Baker, is an added field for usefulness. By the way, Purley is no relation to "pearly gates."

It won't be a satisfactory answer to the request for Rev. Baker to say, as he did in his paper of last year, that "we were drunk when we wrote it."

Since all the big men of the state are going to spend a good part of their time at Columbus while the Legislature is in session it behooves the Hon. G. M. Anderson to make a like move for the protection of his interests. The Judge is one of the powers that be, and according to the Ohio State Journal, these powers will alone have any influence upon the present General Assembly's municipal reform legislation.

The New York Sun is about the only paper in America that expresses profound satisfaction with the verdict of the Schley Court of Inquiry. The only fly in the Sun's ointment is the opinion of Admiral Dewey favorable to Admiral Schley.

The dispatches from Columbus indicate that the Reverend Hisey is as active as ever in his missionary work for the Hanna faction of the grand old party.

Now that the Chicago Record-Herald has re-opened fire upon Senator Foraker, that official may consider himself re-elected to the Senate.

## BIG BOILERS.

More New Equipment For the Geo. J. Renner Co.

The Geo. J. Renner Brewing Co. closed a contract with the Sterling Boiler Co., Wednesday, for two three hundred horse power boilers for the boiler house the company is building at its plant in North Forge st. This will give a total of 600 horse power. The boilers are to be equipped with chain stokers, and in every other way the boiler rooms will be provided with the latest appliances. Those who have seen the plans say the boiler rooms will be the most complete in Ohio.

Mr. E. C. Diebel made the contracts for the boilers and purchased of the Sterling Co., to secure union-made boilers, and to patronize a home industry.

## Like Poison

## Coffee Acts on Some People



That dizzy feeling, sluggish brain and throbbing headache are all direct results from the use of coffee.

"Coffee works like a poison to me. It acts on my brain and nerves in a peculiarly disagreeable way."

"Being forced to give up coffee, I did it in a half-hearted way, drinking cocoa in the morning, but soon became tired of that and longed for the real Java."

"Finally I tried Postum Food Coffee, and since that time have drunk it to the exclusion of every other beverage. You can imagine I like it."

"Last summer I was in a place where nothing but Java coffee was served on the breakfast table, and I recommended the use of it."

"In two or three weeks I again began to suffer from dizziness and explosive noises in my head."

## WISE and Otherwise.

Less than a week now.

Everybody "dig up" for the motor-men and conductors.

Belated shoppers will miss first choice.

Even tho' they be covered with snow, the clean streets are not forgotten.

If you never read the ads before, read them now. It pays.

How woefully brief the time—only five more shopping days!

Simpson is ill. Don't hurrah for Schley too loudly.

Another production of Richard the Third, by local talent, might be fitted in now.

And Chief Durkin also foresaw the conclusion of the Kepler-Norris alliance.

Maybe the Council would appreciate a bag of peanuts all around for Christmas.

Nobody is so happy as those whose faith in Santa Claus has not been shattered.

Fire insurance companies should secure an injunction against the imitation Santa Claus.

And what will become of all those pictures the "famous John T." showed to the Grand Jury?

Firemen are having great times exercising the horses these nice crisp mornings.

What a glorious Christmas present for Judge Anderson if he would awake to find that he had been given a third term.

Detective Burlington didn't say, "I told you so," when he heard of the break-up of the Kepler-Norris syndicate. He merely smiled.

Mr. Huston Kepler is now willing to believe that the "famous John T." couldn't catch his grandmother if she had two minutes the start of him.

If the office of Superintendent of Buildings is not created by the Board of Education, it will not be the fault of Mr. D. A. James.

"Don't forget that there are those in the city who want the most common necessities"—Joseph Kendall, Poor Director.

So firmly convinced are people that winter is actually here that sleighing parties are not only suggested, but are being planned.

Since Mr. Houston Kepler has denounced the "famous John T." as an "old humbug," it is not likely that that sleuth will come here to negotiate with Mrs. Fulmer.

The buying for country Christmases is now being done, and great wagon loads of dainties, to supplement the home produced fare that will grace Christmas tables on Summit county

## AKRON TAXPAYERS' EXPERIENCE.



## AND CITY EMPLOYEES SAID "AMEN."

"The regular tax levy for Akron should be increased to 12 mills until the city finds that the amount of money so raised exceeds its requirements."—O. L. McMillen, President of the Board of City Commissioners.

farms, are seen daily, wending their way over the hills.

If the supply of frosting is as heavily spread over Christmas cakes as it is over the windows about town, a most appetizing holiday is in prospect.

The next time the "famous John T." wanders into Summit county with a job-lot of pictures for the Grand Jury to indict, he would do well to keep himself continually prepared for the worst.

More than one hustling business man has watched the progress of the boys on skates during the last few days, as they scurried in and out, between pedestrians and had miraculous escapes from the cars, and wished for time to be as reckless as they.

Mr. Edward J. Diebel, of Youngstown, a brother of Mr. E. C. Diebel, of this city, is one of the most successful insurance men in Ohio. The Youngstown Vindicator contains the following:

Edward J. Diebel has just returned from a business trip to New York city. While in New York, he wrote a number of insurance policies on the lives of men who are well known here, and the aggregate amount of the entire business he closed up was \$50,000. He handled the affair with quickness and dispatch, and was complimented by the New York officers of the New York Life Insurance company, which he has worked for for some time past.

This piece of business was easily picked by Mr. Diebel, and his actions in this as well as other transactions in which he has played a leading part resulted in the management making him a fine offer to go to New York and work there. Mr. Diebel has the offer under consideration but whether he will accept the future only will determine. Mr. Diebel made an enviable record with the company since he commenced to work for it and it is evident that his services are appreciated.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Dimes and dollars and greenbacks crisp

Slipping away in a blow pernicious. Changed for a doll with a flaxen wisp Of curls, a drum, or a toy dog vicious; Jack-in-the-box, or a Noah's ark.

Everything for a gift that's proper, Bearer of bundles from morn till dark—

Sing a song of the Christmas shopper! By your bachelor brother teased,

Seeing you bundled with parcels bulky, Elbowed, and crowded, and cramped and squeezed,

Worn and tired and gruff and sulky; Piloted around by your better half, Nothing deters her and naught can stop her,

Serving as aid on the buyer's staff— Sing a song of the Christmas shopper!

Paying for trides your hard earned cash, All of your purse's store depleting. Simply buying with mood grown rash, "Any old thing" for a Christmas greeting!

Dimes and dollars and "tens" and "fives," All are grist for the toy man's hopper,

Chant a psalm for strenuous lives, Sing a song of the Christmas shopper!

This person lives in Pasadena, Cal., and the name will be given on application to the Postum Co., at Battle Creek, Mich.

## COPPER

Trust Is Greater Than Steel Trust.

Senator Clark Is Said to be Scheming

To Place Himself at Head of Such a Combine.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Special efforts are being made there by agents of the Amalgamated Copper company to secure a majority of the shares of the Rio Tinto Copper company, under instructions. Senator Clark was here recently, and it is believed he is ambitious to be head of a trust bigger than Morgan's Steel trust. His ambition would be gratified could Rio Tinto and Calumet and Hecla be brought into combination with Amalgamated. Eighty-five per cent of Rio Tinto stock is held in France and Germany, chiefly in France, where Rio Tinto



Senator Clark.

are a popular investment, and it would be difficult to induce the French investors to sell. The Rothschilds' interest in the mines is also an obstacle, though their chief copper interests are in the Boleo company, in Lower California.

The Rio Tintos held in Germany are nearly all taken up by the Amalgamated. This company is playing every card to force the Rio Tinto people into an agreement. Should Amalgamated keep up its speculation financiers believe the public will tire and Rio Tintos will be merged with Amalgamated.

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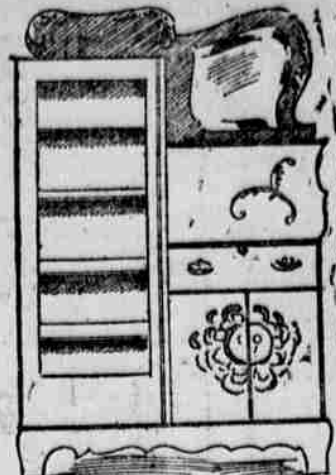
## TESTING

The Garfield Law's Validity.

The Russell Case Was Argued Wednesday.

(Special Correspondence.) Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—The validity of the Garfield corrupt practice law is brought into question by a suit styled The State of Ohio vs. L. A. Russell, of Cuyahoga county, which was argued in the Supreme Court yesterday. Russell was a candidate for Congress in the Twenty-first district, and was defeated by T. F. Burton, Republican. Russell failed to file a report of his expense account, as required under the provisions of the Garfield law, and suit was brought against him by Prosecutor Keeler, of Cuyahoga county, for the collection of \$1,000, which is the penalty imposed for disregarding the statute. Russell won in the Common Pleas court and lost in the Circuit court. He appealed to the Supreme court, and is conducting his own case. He said in his argument that the law promoted corrupt practices instead of preventing them.

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HOLIDAY TRIPS AT REDUCED RATES

Via C. A. & C. Ry., Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1, good returning until Jan. 2, inclusive. For details call on or address C. D. Honold, ticket agent, Union Depot.

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Account Grand Opera Saturday, Dec. 21st, via C. T. & V. R. R. Train leaves Union Depot, 4:55 p. m.; Howard st., 5:48 p. m.; returning, leaves Cleveland 11:30 p. m.

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